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1. SUMMARY. WORKING PARTY, AT FINAL MEETING UNDER
CURRENT MANDATE, COMPLETED ITS "REPORT ON THE IMPACT OF
GOVERNMENTAL MEASURES ON THE PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRIES."
FOLLOWING FURTHER EDITORIAL AMENDMENTS BY SECRETARIAT
AT DIRECTION OF WP, REPORT, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS
(REFTEL), WILL BE SUBMITTED TO INDUSTRY COMMITTEE FOR
CONSIDERATION AT ITS JUNE 5-7 MEETING. INDUSTRY COM-
MITTEE WILL BE ASKED TO FORWARD REPORT AND RECOMMENDA-
TIONS TO COUNCIL FOR DERESTRICTION. SECRETARIAT
EXPECTS NEW TEXT OF CORRIGENDA, CONCLUSIONS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS AS APPROVED BY WORKING PARTY TO BE
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AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) U.S. VIEWS

ON AND, IF POSSIBLE, ACCEPTANCE OF NEW DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS (PARA 2 BELOW); (B) U.S. VIEWS ON POSSIBLE RENEWAL OF AD HOC WORKING PARTY'S MANDATE (PARA 5 BELOW). END SUMMARY.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS (PART 4 OF REPORT DIE/IND/PP/74.6) WERE SHORTENED TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATION WITH SUMMARY AND AMENDED IN OTHER RESPECTS AS FOLLOWS:

(L) REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

SPANISH DELEGATE WITH SOME SUPPORT OBJECTED TO PHRASE "SEEK TO AVOID DISTORTIONS IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE," WHICH WAS THEREFORE AMENDED TO READ "TAKE INTO ACCOUNT AS FAR AS POSSIBLE ANY POTENTIAL IMPACT ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE."

(2) RECYCLED FIBERS AS A RAW MATERIAL.

FIRST TWO AND ONE-HALF SENTENCES (SIX LINES IN REFTEL, THROUGH "VIRTUALLY ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES") WERE DELETED. FINAL CLAUSE WAS AMENDED TO READ "A FULL ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL STUDY WHICH WOULD INCLUDE STUDY OF SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS AT ALL STAGES OF COLLECTION, PROCESSING AND USE."

(3) UTILIZATION OF BY-PRODUCTS AND RESIDUES.

WP ELIMINATED "IN VIEW OF NEW PRESSURES ARISING FROM ENERGY PROBLEMS", SUBSTITUTED "RESIDUES" FOR "WASTES", AND AMENDED END OF SENTENCE TO READ "PRODUCTION OF PULP (STUMPS, TOPS, BRANCHES), POSSIBILITIES OF WHOLE-TREE HARVESTING, ETC."

(4) SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

FULL TEXT NOW READS: "THE WORKING PARTY RECOMMENDS CONTINUING DISCUSSION BETWEEN MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF ANY MEASURES TAKEN IN THE CONTEXT OF PROBLEMS ARISING FROM RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY DIFFICULTIES IN ORDER TO ENSURE, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, A CONSISTENT APPROACH TO SUCH SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AS MAY ARISE."

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(5) INTERNATIONAL TRADE GROUPINGS.

FIRST PARA WAS ELIMINATED AND SECOND PARA AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "THE WORKING PARTY RECOMMENDS THAT THE PULP AND PAPER TRADE FLOWS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES BE MONITORED UNDER THE AEGIS OF OECD. THIS EXAMINATION WOULD INCLUDE PERIODIC EVALUATION OF WHETHER ANY SUCH CHANGES IN TRADE FLOWS POSED POTENTIAL OR ACTUAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL

DIFFICULTIES IN INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES."

3. BASIC REPORT WAS AMENDED IN CERTAIN MINOR RESPECTS
AND TABLE, PAGE 36, AND DIAGRAMS AT END OF ANNEX 3 ARE
TO BE REDONE TO PRESENT INFORMATION MORE CLEARLY.
ADDENDUM 1 TO DOCUMENT WILL NOT BE USED IN PRESENT FORM,
BUT REPORT WILL INCLUDE NEW SUMMARIES OF CONCLUSIONS.
SUMMARY OF SECTION 5 ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE GROUPINGS

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AS PREPARED IN WP (I.E., SUBJECT TO SECRETARIAT REWORK-
ING) READS AS FOLLOWS:

THE FORMATION OF TRADE GROUPINGS EXERTED A SYSTEMA-
TIC IMPACT ON TRADE FLOWS OF GRADES OTHER THAN PULP
AND NEWSPRINT, BUT THE GIST OF THE REPLIES SEEMS
TO SHOW THAT IN MOST MEMBER COUNTRIES THE SHORT AND
AND MEDIUM-TERM EFFECT OF TRADE GROUPINGS ON THE
STRUCTURE OF PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRIES IS NOT GREAT.

THIS DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT IN THE LONGER TERM IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO AVOID MORE SEVERE EFFECTS, AND THE NATURE AND DEGREE OF THESE POTENTIAL EFFECTS WAS A SUBJECT OF SOME DISAGREEMENT IN THE WORKING PARTY. HOWEVER, THERE CAN BE NO DENYING THAT IN CHANGING ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES, A POTENTIAL DANGER TO THE INDUSTRY IN SOME COUNTRIES EXISTS. ACCORDINGLY THE WORKING PARTY CONSIDERS THAT IT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE FOR THE PULP AND PAPER TRADE FLOWS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES TO BE MONI-
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TORED ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS UNDER THE AEGIS OF O.E.C.D.

4. U.S., CANADA AND SWEDEN ACCEPTED REPORT AD REFERENDUM, WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT QUESTIONABLE PART OF DOCUMENT WAS MAINLY RECOMMENDATIONS SECTION. CHAIRMAN ASKED THAT THOSE COUNTRIES LIFT AD REFERENDUM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF RESERVATIONS REMAIN THEY CAN BE PRESENTED IN NOTE TO BE CIRCULATED TO ALL DELEGATIONS, OR COULD BE BROUGHT UP AT INDUSTRY COMMITTEE FOR RESOLUTION.

5. CHAIRMAN (NEAL, U.K.) NOTED THAT WORKING PARTY CAME TO AN END WITH COMPLETION OF ITS REPORT TO INDUSTRY COMMITTEE. HE OFFERED TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' VIEWS (TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN HIS ORAL REPORT TO INDUSTRY COMMITTEE JUNE 5-7) ON WHETHER WORK SHOULD BE CONTINUED IN SEPARATE COMMITTEE, RENEWED WORKING PARTY, OR NON-OECD FORUM, OR WHETHER NO FURTHER WORK THIS FIELD WAS IN FACT NECESSARY. HE MADE NO RECOMMENDATION.
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